

MNMM Fatal 2005-09

- Powered Haulage
- April 4, 2005 (Nebraska)
- Sand & Gravel Operation
- Laborer (Part time)
- 47 years old
- 8 days mining experience

Overview

- The victim was operating a skid loader and dumping material into the plant grizzly. The loader traveled onto the grizzly, overturned, and landed on the ground below. The victim, who was not wearing the seat belt, was ejected and pinned beneath the skid steer loader.



Why Did Accident Occur?

- The accident occurred because management did not have any policies, procedures, or controls in place to ensure that equipment operators received training before operating equipment. The victim did not maintain control of the skid steer loader he was operating.

Causal Factors

- No policies, procedures, or controls were in place to ensure that employees received training to safely operate mobile equipment. The victim did not maintain control of the equipment he was operating.
- No policies, procedures, or controls were in place to ensure that employees wear seat belts while operating mobile equipment.

Best Practices

- Ensure miners have been Task Trained prior to allowing them to operate mobile equipment.
- Install berms, bumper blocks, or similar impeding devices at dumping locations where there is a hazard of overtravel or overturning.
- Conduct adequate pre-operational examinations on all self-propelled mobile equipment and correct all defects affecting safety.

Best Practices

- Always wear a seat belt when operating mobile equipment.
- Exercise caution when approaching dumping locations; operate mobile equipment at an appropriate speed, and travel with the bucket lowered until stopped and ready to dump.